Postal Sub-Divisions in the Country

129. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Postal Sub-Divisions in the country manned by Inspectors and Assistant Superintendents of POs seperately;

(b) whether it is correct that the Department of Posts is the only Central Department which has sub-divisions manned by non-Gazetted officials;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Department is not providing accommodation for the sub-Divisional offices and the incumbents are forced to hire accommodation on their own;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Department pays Rs. 110/- (Rs. 130/-) in major cities towards rent, electricity charges, water charges, Sweeping charges to the sub-divisions in lieu of accommodations;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Group 'D' assistance is available now;

(f) whether it is a fact that no clerk is provided to the sub-divisional offices which have to administer about 100 post officers and 300 personnel; and

(g) what steps the department propose to provide these basic requirements to the sub-divisions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The concept of an Administrative Division and Sub-Division varies widely between Central Government Departments and, therefore, the states of a Sub-Division is determind keeping in view the role, responsibilities and dutics assigned to each Cadre.

(c) Departmental accommodation is provided to Sub-Divisional officials, wherever such accommodation is available, and in the remaining places HRA and office allowance is sanctioned at prescribed rates.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Yes Sir.

(g) Revision of norms for sanction of supporting staff and grant of allowances/ amenities depends on functional needs and extant instructions. At present there is no proposal to sanction additional staff or allowance to Sub-Divisional Staff.

Transfer of Officers of Nationalised Banks

130. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether domicile factor is considered for transferring bank officers from Delhi to other States and also from one State to another State;

(b) if so, whether the domicile factor is imposed on the officers for transfers;

(c) if not, whether any nationalised bank has issued letters to the officers proposing to transfer them to their respective domicile States; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.